

# **INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AFL-CIO**

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### **Testimony of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers**

#### **In Support of Senate Bill 560**

#### **"An Act Extending the Prevailing Wage to Certain Construction Projects Receiving Public Financial Assistance"**

#### **Labor and Public Employees Committee**

**Thursday, March 9, 2006**

Chairman Prague, Chairman Ryan, members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, my name is John Sardo and I am testifying on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) in support of Senate Bill 560 "An Act Extending the Prevailing Wage to Certain Construction Projects Receiving Public Financial Assistance."

We fully support extending prevailing wages requirements to new construction projects receiving public financial assistance of one million dollars or more. We feel that this requirement would be a needed safeguard for the working men and woman of Connecticut. It guarantees that individuals are paid fair and comparable wages while working on behalf for the residents of this state.

The parallel can also be draw between fair wages, in the form of prevailing wages, and quality work. Prevailing wage requirements are a means to ensure unscrupulous contractors are not attracted to these projects, and they can act as a litmus test. Projects that adhere to prevailing wage requirements have historically been completed on time and under budget.

Thus it would be in the best interest, and fiscally beneficial, of the state to enact this legislation. Not only would those working on publicly-funded projects be adequately compensated, but the overall project would be of good quality.

I ask for your support of bill 560 and thank you for your attention to this matter.

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